

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 3 Federation Value - Respect

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As this is our first newsletter of 2024 we would like to wish everyone a...



Everyone has settled back into school very well and we are looking forward to all the exciting things planned over the next couple of terms. Please see the "important dates" box which lists everything happening at both schools up until April.

Important Dates - Term 3 & 4

- Monday 29th January – WL Book Fair starts
- Thursday 1st February – BJS 6M Class Assembly Parents Welcome 10.15am School Hall
- Friday 2nd February – BJS 3W Cake Sale
- Tuesday 6th February – Enrichment Morning 2
- Wednesday 7th February – BJS Ash Wednesday Service 2.30pm St Andrew's Church
- Thursday 8th February – BJS PTA Valentines Disco
- Friday 9th February – WL Rabbit cake and uniform sale
- Friday 9th February – Last day of Term 3
- Monday 19th February – INSET day at both schools
- Tuesday 20th February – Start of Term 4
- Tues 20th Feb – Fri 23rd Feb – WL Arts Week
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – poetry theme
- Tuesday 12th March – WL parents evening
- Wednesday 13th March – BJS parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – WL parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – BJS parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – Enrichment Morning 3
- Friday 15th March – BJS 4C Cake Sale
- Monday 18th March – BJS Y5 Church Day
- Wednesday 20th March – BJS Easter Service 2.30pm St Andrew's Church
- Thursday 21st March – WL PTA Easter Disco
- Thursday 21st March – BJS Swimming Gala
- Friday 22nd March – BJS Break the Rules Day
- Thursday 28th March – WL Spring Sing at 2.30pm
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Term 4
- Monday 15th April – Start of Term 5



Badger News

The Badgers have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Antarctica recently. We have researched all about a cold climate by looking at globes, maps, watching videos and reading books. We also read *The Emperor's Egg* and *Lost and Found* to enrich our learning. Here are some photos of the exciting things we have been making and playing with.



Year 2 WOW Day

On Friday 5th January, Year 2 had their Superhero WOW Day. This was to start our English work this term based on 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey. The children made a fantastic effort with their costumes so we could take pictures for our own comic books that we are writing. We did some drama all about Traction Man and designed the front cover of our comic books. We all had a great day!



WL Inspirational Maths Morning

Reception

For our inspirational math morning, Reception have been exploring patterns. We used the story 'Pattern Fish' to name and continue a range of patterns. We discovered patterns can have more than two colours or objects in them and they can look very different. We even discovered patterns in songs and rhymes too! We made patterns in and around our classroom and enjoyed creating and repeating them.



Year 1

Not only was Thursday 4th January 2024 the first day back after the Christmas break, it was also Year 1's Inspirational Maths Morning and they were given the challenge to create an animal parade! The challenge started with a discussion of different animals and grouping them based on the number of legs they have. Next, Year 1 were given the challenge of creating different parades with a total of 12, 14 or 18 legs. Owls and Rabbits worked carefully and mathematically to create a range of different parades. Their final challenge was to create a visual representation of their animal parade with many of them now on display outside their classrooms. Well done Owls and Rabbits for a brilliant start to Term 3.





Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 11th January

Reception – Ciaran, Poppy

Year 1 – Amara, Alexa

Year 2 – Dylan W, Millie

Thursday 18th January

Reception – Theo, Erika

Year 1 – Seb, Blake

Year 2 – Thomas, Arlo

The PTA elves have enjoyed the Christmas break, but are ready to go again for 2024! Thanks again for all the support for all the fund raising events that took place last term, in total we raised a massive £4,200 which is amazing!! We are now planning with West Leigh teachers how best to support the school and have some great projects lined up to make some wonderful improvements and enrichment events for the children. These include supporting **Sports Week** and **Art Week** later in the year with supplies and getting specialist experts to come into school to teach some of the sessions, enabling the Yr2 children to have a wonderful science experience in the **Explorer Dome** and Yr 1 enhance their seaside topic with a **Punch and Judy** show! Reception class will benefit from additional **Forest School** support for the teachers and helping to improve their outdoor space!

We also have some more fab fund raising events coming up for all to enjoy, so please put the below dates in your diaries!!

- Friday 9th February - Rabbit Cake and Uniform Sale
- Thursday 21st March - Easter Disco
- March - date to be confirmed - Quiz Night with BJS
- Saturday 22nd June - Summer Fair with BJS

We are also hoping to hold a **Spring Gardening Day** to tidy up the school grounds and make improvements to the garden at outside of the office, more details to follow but love to have some help with this.

We could also do with a couple more class reps in Badgers and Owls especially, so if this lovely role has passed you by please do get in contact 😊

But as always, **thanks for your support**, it is always hugely appreciated. PTA Team!

Westfield Drive is a School Street

West Leigh Infants School Street

Thank you for your help so far



A big thank you goes to everyone for already finding ways to adjust your daily routine and support travelling more actively to school. Over the past three years families, children and staff at West Leigh Infants have supported the temporary zone which is currently in place on Westfield Drive by walking, scooting, wheeling and cycling to school. Soon, the temporary zone will be made permanent and there is more information from North Somerset Council in the separate attachment on the website to explain about this.

BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

Celebration Assembly - 12th January 2024

Year 3 - Digby, Loveday and Breccan

Year 4 - Ruth and Sophie

Year 5 - Ethan and Martha

Year 6 - Nicholas and Amelia

Celebration Assembly - 19th January 2024

Year 3 - Grace W and Ru

Year 4 - Annabel

Year 5 - Harry and Sam

Year 6 - Arun, Kate and Ned

CONGRATULATIONS!



Year 5 put their investigative hats on during our inspirational maths days and focused on spirals!

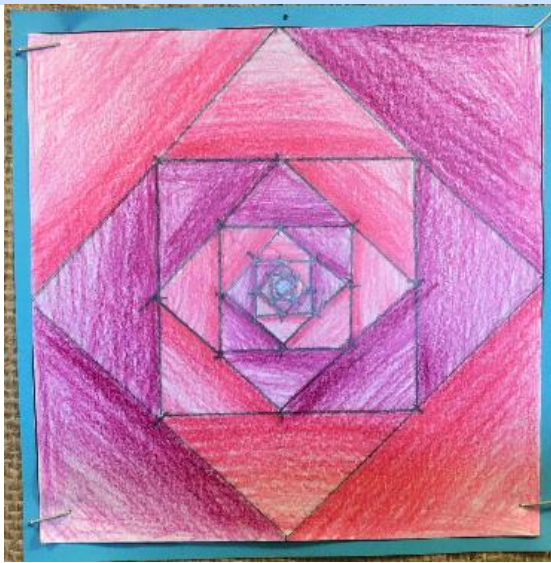
Archimedian Spirals

Archimedes, a well known Ancient Greek mathematician, created the Archimedian spiral: a spiral where the gaps between the curves of the spiral are always the same distance apart (based on a set of concentric circles).

We used this as a basis for creating our own spirals using colouring pencils.

Baravelle Spirals

Baravelle Spirals are a special type of 'nesting' spiral. They are formed by marking the centre point of each side of the polygon, then connecting the marks. This creates triangles that are the same length on two sides (isosceles triangles). Colour is then used to show the spirals create





BOOK CORNER



The Book Corner is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about reading here at Backwell Juniors. From monthly book recommendations to reading support/ updates/ events- it can all be found here!

AUTUMN BOOK FAIR

With the busy-ness in the run-up to Christmas, it's taken us some time to share the brilliant news that the December book fair raised £672.02! Which in turn means that we have around £270 to spend on books in school. Thank you to everyone, including our fantastic volunteers, who supported the event!



CALLING ALL FICTION/ NON-FICTION BOOKS

READY FOR A NEW HOME!



A reminder that one of our projects this year in the library is to update some of our fiction and non-fiction titles.

Perhaps you've had a clear out at home over the Christmas holidays and now have some books ready for a new home?! If you do have any books, that have been read but are still in fairly good condition and now ready for pastures new, we would love to take them off your hands!



Look out for the collection box just inside the 1862 building (breakfast/ after school club entrance)

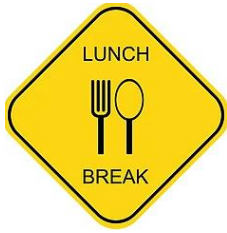
Many thanks!

MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2. These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. **These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ☺**

JANUARY		
	 <p>Fiction book of the month</p>	
<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 7+ A funny and heart-warming story for readers aged 7-9 from award-winning author Nikesha Shukla. Vinay, Musa, Iqbal and Nish are best friends. Nothing can separate them... until one day when Vinay's cousin comes to invade his bunk bed haven (i.e. share his room). When a prank war starts, can the friends remember what really matters? Filled with fun illustrations by Rachelle Falconer, <i>The Council of Good Friends</i> is full of both hilarious mayhem and caring moments of friendship.</p>	<p>Interest age: 8+ Independent reading age: 9+ There's a place where all the wildest stories <u>begin</u>. From award-winning author Katherine Rundell comes the first novel in a landmark trilogy for 9+ fans of <i>His Dark Materials</i>. Christopher is stunned when he discovers a passage to the Archipelago: a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures of myth still live and breed and thrive in their thousands. There he meets Mai: a girl from the islands, who is in possession of a flying coat and a baby griffin, and who is being pursued by a killer. Together they embark on an urgent quest to discover why the creatures are suddenly perishing, voyaging across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, in a bid to save both the islands and the world beyond them from a rising evil - before it's too late.</p>	<p>Interest age: 8+ Independent reading age: 9+ Superstar author and illustrator Rob Biddulph dazzles in <i>Peanut Jones and the End of the Rainbow</i>. This third and final title in the hilarious adventure series for boys and girls aged 8 to 12 fizzles with magic, danger, friendship and art. Notorious villain Mr White will stop at nothing to wipe out colour and creativity everywhere. But he's gone too far! This time he's lured Peanut's mum into terrible danger and only Peanut and her friends can save her. An action-packed mission to the heart of the magical Illustrated City tests friendships and leads to a final showdown that makes Peanut question everything she thought she knew...</p>
 <p>Non-fiction book of the month</p>	 <p>Poetry book of the month</p>	
<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ Discover 19 brilliant thinkers and their unique ideas that changed the world over 2,500 years! Aristotle's ideas shaped our understanding of the natural world for hundreds of years. Gandhi's philosophy inspired non-violent protest movements all over the world, and Langer shook up our understanding of what art is and can be. The brilliant ideas from each of these amazing thinkers have stayed with humans for centuries, teaching us new ways of uncovering our world and understanding each other.</p>	<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ <i>Out There in the Wild</i> celebrates our place in nature. It is packed with poems about everything that lives in the sea and rivers, on land and in the sky. You will meet eagles and skylarks, tigers and elephants, foxes, rabbits and bats, bees and butterflies and many other natural wonders. These beautiful poems written by Nicola Davies, Dom Conlon and James Carter invite you to consider how we are connected to the wild. We are all nature after all.</p>	<p>Interest age: 9+ Independent reading age: 8+ A <u>brand new</u> hilarious adventure from the author of the bestselling <i>Who Let the Gods Out</i> series! Meet the children of Elliot and Virgo, beloved heroes of <i>Who Let the Gods Out</i>? It's the turn of football-loving Vesper and super bright Aster to take on the world's worst-behaved immortals. Beginning with Maya bad boy, <u>Kiko</u>, and his Lords and Ladies of Death...</p>
<p>We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Barnard or the school office ☺</p>		



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for the rest of the term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence and each day thereafter.



Norovirus – 48hr rule

As we head into the Winter season we would like to remind parents that if your child is unfortunate to catch this bug, regulations state that they are not able to return to school for a least 48 hours from the last episode. Please also remember to contact the school to record your child's absence each day.

Wrap Around Care – Important Information

Please ensure that Premier Education are contacted directly for any amendments to bookings or collection arrangements, all contact details are detailed here:

Backwell Junior School:

Site Phone: 07707878334 - Active between 7:15 & 8:30am for BSC / Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - c.clarke@premier-education.com for information regarding updates for the day, or collection passwords if somebody different is collecting.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

West Leigh Infant School:

Site Phone: 07707800019 - Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.



Autism Central

Autism Central aims to build knowledge and understanding of autism and empower families and carers to advocate for autistic people they support to get the right understanding and adjustments in place across the services they use. It launched in 2023 and will continue to be developed in the future with more content being added to the website.

Autism Central operates through regional hubs, with Bristol Autism Support serving as the dedicated hub for the South West.

Each Autism Central Hub offer guidance to families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. All sessions are run by Peer Educators. These are parents or carers of autistic people, who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with you. They can offer group and one-to-one sessions to help you and other parents and carers find the information and services available in your area.

To find out more about booking a free 1 to 1 session or group session, please visit:

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/bristol-autism-support>

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Job Vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Learning Partner to support children at Backwell Juniors. Backwell C of E Junior school is a two-form entry and is strongly committed to the community it serves. This post offers an exciting opportunity to join a very supportive team dedicated to 'making a difference' for each of our children.

We have a clear pedagogy and high expectations of all members of our school community. We seek to ensure that teaching and learning is of the highest quality and enable reflective practice and dialogue. It is a welcoming, inclusive school. We are a 420 place Federation split over 2 sites with beautiful buildings set in lovely green surroundings. Both West Leigh Infants and Backwell Juniors are part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership MAT.

Hours: 13 hours per week, Thursday – Friday 8.30am – 3:30pm
Term Time Only. Including 5 Inset Days
Contract: Fixed Term - Subject to a review of the school's budget and staffing review
Start: 19th February 2024 – 31st August 2024

For Full Information visit our website and search under Federation Information / Federation Vacancies or follow this link:

<https://www.backwellfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Learning+Partner+Vacancy+at+BJU&pid=452>




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Dates: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Times: 9-15:30 (8:15-9:00 & 15:30-17:00 Sessions available)

Price: £20.02

Ages: 5 - 11 (4 year olds can attend half sessions)

Additional info:

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